

International Harmonization of Chemical Classification and Labeling Systems.

SUMMARY: This public meeting will provide an update on current activities related to international harmonization since the previous public meeting, conducted October 7, 1998. (See Department of State Public Notice 2896 on pages 51394–51395 of the **Federal Register** of September 25, 1998.) The meeting will also offer interested organizations and individuals the opportunity to provide information and views for consideration in the development of United States Government policy positions. For more complete information on the harmonization process, please refer to State Department Public Notice 2526, pages 15951–15957 of the **Federal Register** of April 3, 1997.

The meeting will take place from 10 a.m. until noon on January 11, 1999, in Room N 3437 A, B&C, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. Attendees should use the entrance at C and Third Streets NW. To facilitate entry, please have a picture ID available and/or a U.S. Government building pass if applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to submit written comments or information, please contact Mary Frances Lowe, U.S. Department of State, OES/ENV, Room 4325, 2201 C Street NW, Washington DC 20520. Phone (202) 736-4660, fax (202) 647-5947. A public docket is also available for review (OSHA docket H-022H.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of State is announcing a public meeting of the interagency committee concerned with the international harmonization of chemical hazard classification and labeling systems (an effort often referred to as the "globally harmonized system" or GHS). The purpose of the meeting is to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on activities since the October 7, 1998, public meeting, a preview of upcoming international meetings, and an opportunity to submit additional information and comments for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions. Representatives of the following agencies participate in the interagency group: the Department of State, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Transportation, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture, the Office of

the U.S. Trade Representative, and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

The Agenda of the public meeting will include:

1. Introduction
2. Reports on recent international meetings
 - UN Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, December 7–16, Geneva, Switzerland. Among the GHS-related topics discussed at this meeting were the status of classification criteria for physical hazards and a proposed institutional setting within the UN ECOSOC for the GHS.
3. Preparation for upcoming meetings
 - Second meeting of the Inter-Organization Program for the Sound Management of Chemicals (IOMC)/International Labour Organization Working Group on Hazard Communication, January 26–27, 1999, Geneva Switzerland
 - Thirteenth Consultation of Coordinating Group for the Harmonization of Chemical Classification Systems, January 28–29, 1999, Geneva Switzerland.
 - Third meeting of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Working Group on Classification Criteria for Mixtures, February 1–3, 1999, Paris, France.
4. Public Comments
5. Concluding Remarks

Interested parties are invited to submit their comments as soon as possible for consideration in the development of U.S. positions and to present their views orally and/or in writing at the public meeting. Participants may address other topics relating to harmonization of chemical classification and labeling systems and are particularly invited to identify issues of concern to specific sectors that may be affected by the GHS. Participants who attended and participated in recent international sessions may also offer their observations on the results of the sessions.

All written comments will be placed in the public docket (OSHA docket H-022H). The docket is open from 10 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, and is located at the Department of Labor, Room 2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. (Telephone: 202-219-7894; Fax: 202-219-5046.) The public may also consult the docket to review previous **Federal Register** notices, comments received, Questions and Answers about the GHS, a response to comments on the April 3, 1997,

Federal Register notice, and other relevant documents.

Dated: December 29, 1998.

Michael Metelits,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Delegation of Authority No. 227

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by section 1 of the Department of State Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. § 2651a), I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs the function vested in the Secretary of State by 18 U.S.C. § 981(i), 19 U.S.C. 1616a(c)(2), and 21 U.S.C. 881(e)(1)(E), and similar statutes that may be enacted, to approve the transfer of forfeited assets to foreign governments. Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary of State or the Deputy Secretary of State may at any time exercise any authority conferred upon the Secretary by these statutes on the transfer of forfeited assets to foreign governments. Any section affected by this delegation shall be deemed to such act as it may be amended from time to time.

This Delegation of Authority shall be published in the **Federal Register** and shall be effective upon date of signature.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

Madeleine K. Albright,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Public Meeting on Proposed Change of Sioux Falls Airspace From Class D to Class C

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a fact-finding informal airspace meeting to solicit information from airspace users and others, concerning proposals to change the Class D airspace to Class C at Sioux Falls, SD. The purpose of this meeting is to provide views, recommendations, and comment on these proposals. All comments received during the meeting will be considered